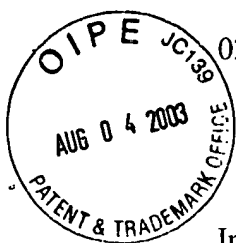


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
YUTAKA TAKANO, ET AL.) Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr
Application No.: 09/496,041) Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: February 2, 2000)
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING)
PURINE NUCLEOTIDES) August 1, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to restore to pending status the above-identified application, which has become unintentionally abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the earlier Office Action (Paper No. 17) dated December 3, 2002.

This paper is filed in response to the Withdrawal of Amendment decision dated July 2, 2003, copy attached at Tab A.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(2), enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1280.00 for payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) in connection with the petition. Please charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(1), the Petition for Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the extension fee were filed previously.

In conformity with 37 C.F.R. §137(c), Applicants Response is the accompanying continuing application together with a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement, a Statement Concerning Sequence Listing and a check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

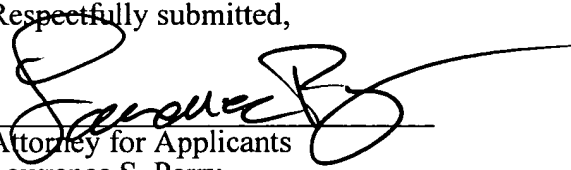
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(3), the undersigned hereby certifies that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of this grantable petition was unintentional.

RELIEF REQUESTED

In view of the foregoing, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to return the above-identified application to pending status.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Yutaka Takano et al. :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 4, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

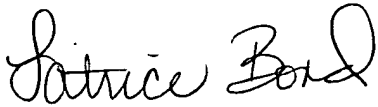
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed August 13, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mail date of the Notice. A three-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 12, 2003.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$930 extension of time submitted with the petition on August 4, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision, the application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 10/632,906.

The application file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Latrice Bond". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Latrice Bond
Paralegal Specialist
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